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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sophie et al.
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COPPER OXIDE PRIOR TO
SILICON CARBIDE
DEPOSITION
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on December 15, 2003. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the subsequent remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.